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SUBJ: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING - NEWSPAPER PUBLISHES LETTER FROM
MRS. NIEHOUS

1. CARACAS DAILY EL NACIONAL PUBLISHED A LETTER FROM MRS. DONNA NIEHOUS, WIFE OF KIDNAPPED U.S. EXECUTIVE WILLIAM NIEHOUS, ON FRONT PAGE OF ITS DEC 22 EDITION. (STORY INCLUDES PICTURE OF MRS. NIEHOUS AND REPRODUCTION OF HANDWRITTEN LETTER). MRS. NIEHOUS' LETTER, ADDRESSED TO EL NACIONAL REPORTER EZEQUIEL DIAZ SILVA, WAS WRITTEN FROM TOLEDO, OHIO ON DEC 10 AND APPEALS TO GOV NOT TO CONSIDER THE KIDNAPPING CASE CLOSED UNTIL NIEHOUS IS FOUND.

2. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS: QUOTE
DEAR MR. SILVA, NINE MONTHS HAVE PASSED NOW AND MY HUSBAND STILL REMAINS KIDNAPPED. STILL,
DAY BY DAY, I WAIT. WHERE IS BILL? HOW IS BILL?
CHRISTMAS IS COMING IN TWO WEEKS. THINK ALL OF YOU HOW WE CAN SPEND CHRISTMAS WITHOUT BILL.
THE NEWSPAPERS KEEP SAYING THAT THE CASE IS CLOSED.
SO, WHERE IS BILL? NEITHER THE POLICE NOR THE GOVERNMENT CAN SAY THAT THE CASE IS CLOSED UNTIL BILL IS FREE. PLEASE PUBLISH MY LETTER IN THE
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NEWSPAPER. I ASK ALL VENEZUELANAS TO HELP ME.
MANY THANKS, DONNA. UNQUOTE.

3. POLICE AUTHORITIES APPROACHED BY EL NACIONAL REITERATED THAT NOTHING HAS BEEN HEARD FROM NIEHOUS SINCE HIS LAST LETTER TO HIS WIFE IN JULY AND THAT THE

INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING.

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